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**Attn: Mail Stop Amendment**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 10/623,813; Filed: July 22, 2003  
For: **De novo DNA Cytosine Methyltransferase  
Genes, Polypeptides and Uses Thereof**  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the two month extension of time fee;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
4. Statement Concerning the Deposited Plasmids with Exhibit A attached; and
5. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

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